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REPORT

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TOPIC Koethen Airfield

EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 18 July 1950

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REMARKS

- 25X1 1. About 200 men were doing construction work at the Koethen (L 52/D 95) airfield on 6 June 1950. * Work was being done on the western edge of the field, and the closed section of the road to Edderitz (M 52/D 95), south of the landing field, was being enlarged by 6 to 8 meters. About 60 percent of the road between Baasdorf and Edderitz, south of the landing field, was concreted. Most of the airfield barracks buildings were occupied by Soviet Army troops. A construction worker said that the runway was to be 60 x 1,800 meters and the target date for completion was 15 August 1950. ***

* Comment. 300 construction laborers were working in each shift.

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** Comment. No air unit is stationed in Koethen.

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air force ground units are apparently still stationed at the field.

*** Comment. The construction of a concrete runway of the length reported was confirmed

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